

Wyoming HIV Care Continuum - 2014



What is the HIV Care Continuum?

The HIV Care Continuum is a model that outlines the stage of HIV health with the ultimate goal of viral suppression and shows the percentage of people living with HIV at each stage.

In 2013, the President issued an executive order creating the HIV Care Continuum

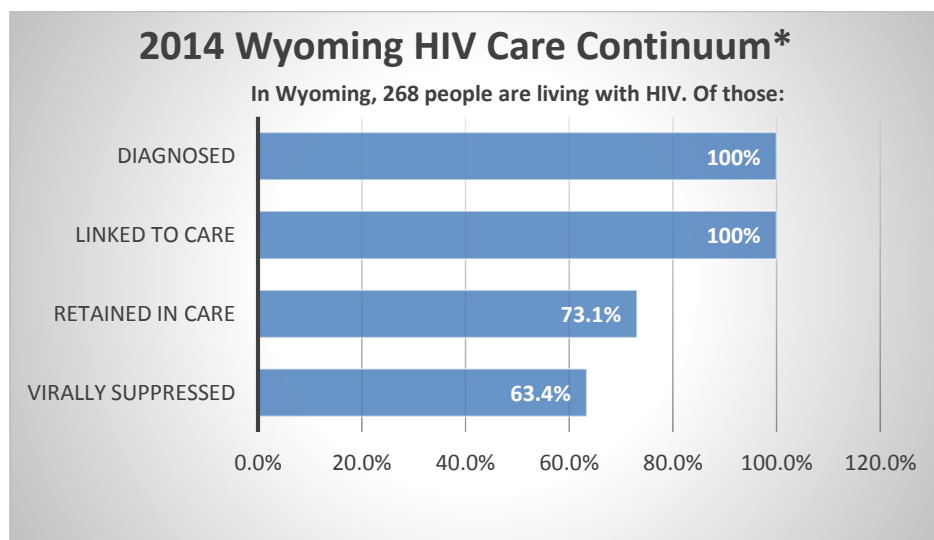
Initiative to bolster efforts for getting those infected with HIV diagnosed, linked to care, and treated. The continuum consists of four measures: those diagnosed with HIV, those diagnosed who have been linked to care, those actively engaged or retained in care, and those with a suppressed viral load.

How is Wyoming using the HIV Care Continuum?

The continuum allows the Communicable Disease Unit to better identify gaps in HIV services and develop programs to improve outcomes for those living with HIV in Wyoming. Current efforts to improve the Care Continuum measures include:

- Free/low cost testing through www.knowyo.org to increase the number of diagnosed infections in Wyoming;
- HIV Care Re-Engagement Project which identifies HIV positive individuals that are not engaged and links them back into care;
- The Viral Suppression Quality Improvement Project which aims to identify and provide interventions to HIV positive individuals receiving HIV services that are not virally suppressed; and
- The Peer Educator Program which supports HIV positive peers who can provide support, guidance, and resources to successfully live with HIV in Wyoming.

The Communicable Disease Unit will use the annual Care Continuum to monitor progress toward the goal of viral suppression.



* Linked to care refers to anyone with HIV that had a CD4 or viral load test at any time after diagnosis. Retained in care represents those that had a CD4 or viral load test conducted in 2014 reported as of June 1, 2015. Please note that retained in care may be underrepresented due to a lapse in reporting from one laboratory in 2014. Virally suppressed represents those that had a viral load conducted in 2014 with a result of less than 200 copies/mL. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate there are between zero (0) and forty (40) people living with HIV in Wyoming that are undiagnosed¹.

1. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6424a2.htm>

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